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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

February 26, 1969

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Previous information has been furnished to you on February 10, 1969, concerning the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization founded by the late Martin Luther King, Jr.

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The above information is being furnished to Dr. Henry A. Kissinger at the White House.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

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The Attorney General

NOTE:

Information on Atlanta retreat previously set forth in memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan, 2/19/69, captioned "Communist Infiltration, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, IS - C,"

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
IS - C
OO: Atlanta

Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau dated 2/19/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Enclosed for the Atlanta and Mobile Divisions are two copies of this letterhead memorandum.

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Birmingham, Alabama
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama

February 19, 1969

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Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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Reference Letterhead Memorandum at Birmingham, dated February 19, 1969

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February 26, 1969

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Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Dr. Kissinger:

Previous information was furnished to you on February 10, 1969, concerning the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization founded by the late Martin Luther King, Jr. I thought you would be interested in the following additional information furnished by sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Honorable Henry A. Kissinger

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The above information is being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE: Information on Atlanta retreat previously set forth in memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan, 2/19/69, captioned "Communist Infiltration, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, IS - [redacted] b7D

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Classified "Confidential" since the information in this letter was received from sensitive sources; the unauthorized disclosure of this information could jeopardize these sources and be prejudicial to national defense interests.

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115) (P)

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau dated 2/24/69.

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Birmingham, Alabama
February 24, 1969

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RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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[redacted] that a Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) "Memorial Mobilization Meeting" was held on February 23, 1969, at the Gaston Motel, Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama. Hosea Williams, Bernard Lee, Andrew Young, T. Y. Rogers and Stoney Cooks, SCLC employees, conducted the meeting which touched upon Negro political representation in Alabama and a march on Montgomery, Alabama, to be conducted April 4, 1969. This source stated that the memorial march will be a statewide demonstration to be conducted at Montgomery, Alabama, on April 4, 1969, and Negro college students will be encouraged to participate in this march on the capitol. SCLC intends to complete the details regarding the march at a meeting which will be held in Montgomery, Alabama, on March 4, 1969.

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Birmingham, Alabama
February 24, 1969

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Reference Memorandum dated February 24, 1969, at Birmingham, Alabama.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

DATE: MAR 3, 1969

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-18339) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL
SCLC
IS-C

Re New Haven letter, 10/10/68, with enclosed LHM.

The referenced LHM sets forth a list of names of individuals who comprise the officers and Board of Directors of the Stamford, Conn., Chapter of the SCLC.

The indices of the NHO were reviewed and a memo prepared for the file. The indices indicated past interest in civil rights on behalf of several of the officers and members of the Board of Directors.

The Stamford Chapter of the SCLC is sponsored by the Wilson Memorial Church and operates out of the church. They have no permanent headquarters in Stamford and no full time employees. The chapter is run as a church function.

In view of the above, it is not felt that further investigation is warranted in this matter.

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Via AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL SCLC
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF ...
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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] on ... concerning accontribution of ... SCLC by the Field Foundation (0)

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The Frida Foundation mentioned in this LHM is phonetic and no listing is recorded in the current phonetic telephone directory.

The information service, NY Telephone Co., has no listing for such a foundation under its phonetic spelling.

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A telephone call to the Field Foundation in NYC revealed that they have no knowledge of a Frida (nh) Foundation. The woman contacted at the Foundation checked a listing of Foundations which she said was prepared in 1967, and found no listing for Frida [illegible]dation under its phonetic spelling."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
February 27, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Bu 100-438794

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on February 25, 1969, that Stanley Levison on that date arranged with Joe Filner to have the Frida Foundation match a $75,000 gift from the Field Foundation to the SCLC. Levison explained that this is necessary because the Field Foundation will not approve a matching grant which comes from the SCLC itself. Levison said that if the Frida Foundation contributes this money, SCLC will later reimburse the Frida Foundation for it.

According to the source, Filner told Levison that he could proceed alone on such matters without getting Filner's approval.

This source was unable to furnish any information concerning the Frida Foundation but had advised, in January, 1969, that Levison had mentioned a Freedom Foundation which he said had been set up by Filner and which has almost one million dollars. The source said Levison claimed to have the job of giving this money away.

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advised that he recalled Joseph Filner as a "very brilliant" CP organizer in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the middle 1930s. [redacted] said that in CP circles, Filner was considered to be a genius in manipulating Party funds.

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On January 31, 1953, Joseph Filner advised Special Agent [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he severed his CP connections about 1947. He said he never attended any CP or related functions, social or otherwise, after that time.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2-28-69

Attached indicates Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) received $75,000 gift from Field Foundation, New York City, by telling Field Foundation that a second foundation would match this gift. This is deceitful action by SCLC since the second foundation will be reimbursed by SCLC for $75,000 it contributed. This action being taken by SCLC since Field Foundation will not approve a matching grant which comes from SCLC itself. SCLC is organization founded by the late Martin Luther King, Jr.

New York Office being instructed to submit counterintelligence proposals in order that SCLC action may be exposed.

Attached being furnished Internal Security Division; Civil Rights Division; Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; Secret Service, and Departments of the Army and Air Force.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: 3/7/69

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-42300) (P*)

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REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2 2
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SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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ReWFOlet and LHM dated 1/17/69.

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Enclosed LHM has been disseminated locally by WFO to the AUSA, WDC; Secret Service; OSI; NISO; and 116th MIG.

In view of the inactivity of the SCLC in the Washington, D. C., area, as reported in enclosed LHM, WFO is placing captioned case in a pending inactive status.

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Future activities of the SCLC in the WFO area will be covered through established sources and pertinent info developed will promptly be furnished to the Bureau and Office of Origin.

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advised that the Washington, D. C. Office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) had moved from 3 Thomas Circle, N. W., Washington, D. C., to 1834 Eleventh Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. The move was completed on January 15, 1969.

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who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that nothing has come to his attention regarding the current activities of the SCLC in the Washington, D. C., area.

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The source further stated that SCLC reportedly continues to maintain an office in Washington, D. C., however, it is poorly staffed and there is seldom anyone there to answer the telephones.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-438794, ATLANTA 100-5718 AND MOBILE

FROM BIRMINGHAM 157-115

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. INTERNAL SECURITY - C. OO: ATLANTA.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF THIS BUREAU WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST REPORTED TODAY THAT A SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) "MEMORIAL MOBILIZATION MEETING" WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYNINE, AT THE GASTON MOTEL, FIFTH AVENUE NORTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. HOSEA WILLIAMS, BERNARD LEE, ANDREW YOUNG, T. Y. ROGERS AND STONEY COOKS, SCLC EMPLOYEES, CONDUCTED THE MEETING WHICH TOUCHED UPON NEGRO POLITICAL REPRESENTATION IN ALABAMA AND A MARCH ON MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, TO BE CONDUCTED APRIL FOUR, SIXTYNINE. THIS SOURCE STATED THAT THE MEMORIAL MARCH WILL BE A STATEWIDE DEMONSTRATION TO BE CONDUCTED AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTYNINE, AND NEGRO COLLEGE STUDENTS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MARCH ON THE CAPITOL. SCLC INTENDS TO COMPLETE THE DETAILS RE THE MARCH AT A MEETING WHICH

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WILL BE HELD IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, ON MARCH FOUR, SIXTYNINE.

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SPONSORED BY SCLC WAS HELD AT THE A. G. GASTON MOTEL IN BIRMINGHAM. HOSEA WILLIAMS AND ANDREW YOUNG, SCLC OFFICERS, WERE IN CHARGE. THERE WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM SIX OR SEVEN COUNTIES IN ALABAMA. THE MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WAS TO PREPARE FOR A MARCH ON MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, APRIL FOUR, SIXTYNINE, TO COMMEMORATE THE DEATH OF REV. M. L. KING, JR. ANOTHER PRIMARY TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WAS THE PLANNING OF AN OVERALL MOVEMENT TO BE SET UP IN ALABAMA TO SECURE BETTER NEGRO POLITICAL PARTICIPATION INASMUCH AS HOSEA WILLIAMS FEELS THAT ONE-THIRD OF THE PEOPLE IN PUBLIC OFFICE IN ALABAMA SHOULD BE BLACK, ACCORDING TO THE POPULATION OF THE STATE. A SERIES OF PROGRAMS TO DEAL WITH THIS QUESTION WILL BE MAPPED OUT ON MARCH EIGHT, SIXTYNINE, AT ST. JUDES CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. THOMAS EDWARD WRENN, A SUBSISTENCE WORKER FOR SCLC, SPOKE OUT AT THIS MEETING, AND USING PROFANITY CURSED THE WHITE PEOPLE, CALLING THEM RATS, ETC. HE PROPOSED A DISRUPTION IN THE STEEL PLANTS IN ALABAMA. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE STEEL WORKERS CALL IN SICK ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTYNINE. HE

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ASKED ALL STEEL WORKERS TO MEET WITH HIM AFTER THE MEETING WAS OVER. IT WAS NOTED THAT ABOUT FIFTEEN NEGROES MET WITH WRENN AFTER THE MEETING.

SOURCE ADVISED THAT ALSO PRESENT AT THIS MEETING WERE STONEY COOKS, SCLC YOUTH DIRECTOR, DR. JOHN LOGAN CASHIN, NEGRO DENTIST FROM HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, AND LEADER OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF ALABAMA. PETER HALL, A BIRMINGHAM ATTORNEY, WAS PRESENT, AS WELL AS FRED GRAY, WHO IS FROM TUSKEGEE AND MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. GRAY SAID HE FAVORED THIS PROPOSED MARCH ON MONTGOMERY, BUT HE WANTED TO KNOW WHO WOULD BE IN CHARGE AND EXACTLY WHAT THEY WOULD DO. HE SAID THAT THE WRONG LEADERSHIP IN THIS MATTER COULD CAUSE TROUBLE.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN DISSEMINATED TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIEW, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, AND U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

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THOMAS WRENN, MENTIONED ABOVE, IS LISTED ON THE AGITATOR INDEX, AND MOBILE WILL BE ADVISED IF WRENN INTENDS TO TRAVEL TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TODAY. BIRMINGHAM WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT

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TO: BUREAU (100-438794) AND BIRMINGHAM (157-115) AND
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FROM: MOBILE (100-1681) 5P

PROPOSED COMMEMORATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING'S DEATH,
APR. FOUR, SIXTY-NINE, MONTGOMERY, ALA. RACIAL MATTERS.

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OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY, OAKLAND, CAL.

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CONTINUED CONTACTS WILL BE HAD WITH SOURCES AND INFORMANTS IN AN EFFORT TO VERIFY ABOVE INFORMATION

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3-8-69

Attached pertains to plans by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., to hold a massive protest observance on 4-4-69, the anniversary of King's death, with possible extremist participation.

Attached information being furnished Inter-Division Information Unit and Internal Security Division of Department, [redacted]. Instructions being sent all offices to verify plans for this observance and identify extremists' participation. We are following this matter closely.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-438794

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Attached pertains to plans of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for activities April 4-12, 1969, to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. The organization previously planned a day of calmness with no demonstrations.

Information in attached will be furnished to the White House, the Attorney General, and interested agencies in our summary teletype on selected racial developments and disturbances.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~100-442929~~) (100-438794) JUNE

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-6670-E)

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Re Bureau airtel dated 2/14/69.

There is enclosed herewith one copy of an FD-142 setting forth results of survey authorized by Re Bureau airtel which was conducted with full security.

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The Atlanta Office recommends installations in this case with full security assured.

The installation recommended involves coverage of ten trunk lines, which includes nine connected in rotatory and one straight non-published number. [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

SECRET JUNE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (Bufile 100-442529) DATE: 2/25/69

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-6670-E)

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

ADD DELETE AGENCIES
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DATE 12/11/77 NSS

RE: Title Communist Infiltration of Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Character of Case IS - C
Field Office ATLANTA
Symbol Number Unassigned
Type of Surveillance (Technical XX XXXXXXXXX)

1. Name and address of person or organization on whom surveillance is to be placed: Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), 330-334 Auburn Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia

2. [redacted] (b)(1)

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5. Adequacy of security: Full security assured.

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6. Type of case involved: Security matter investigation to ascertain degree of CP influence on the SCLC.

7. Connection or status of subject in the case: Subject is the SCLC, which continues to be the primary activist organization in the civil rights movement.

8. Specific information being sought: Details of CP influence on officials of SCLC and effect it may have on SCLC programs.

9. [redacted]

10. Importance of case and subject: [redacted] (S)

SCLC continues to be the major activist organization in the field of civil rights. (b)(1)

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11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means (Explain in detail): [redacted]

12. Risks of detection involved: Risks of detection are considered at a minimum.

13. Probable length of technical surveillance:
Indefinite

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency (name specific official, title and agency):
None known to Atlanta Office.

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Remarks: In the past when interviews have been conducted of SCLC staff members, certain employees when asked a question, in a half joking and half serious manner replied, "You should know that already, don't you have our wires tapped?" It is further noted that from time to time law enforcement agencies of the State of Georgia have conducted investigations regarding the SCLC and its various staff members.

10. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

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SAC, Atlanta (100-6670E)

March 10, 1969

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Director, FBI (100-438794) -2561

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Authority for the installation of the telephone surveillance recommended in referenced letter is being held in abeyance. This matter will be considered in connection with other priority items of this nature and you will be advised regarding developments.

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NOTE:

Atlanta has completed a survey regarding a telephone surveillance on the headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Because of the communist influence in this nationwide civil rights organization, it is in line to be submitted to the Attorney General for authority and we needed the survey brought up to date to see if the surveillance was still feasible. For the present, however, because of other priority items of this nature, we are not submitting a request to the Attorney General for authority to install this surveillance.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta, dated and captioned as above.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-438794, ATLANTA 100-5718 AND MOBILE 100-1681

FROM BIRMINGHAM 157-115 (P)

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MEETING WAS HELD AT ST. JUDES AUDITORIUM, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, TO DEVISE A PROGRAM FOR A POSITIVE PROTEST COMMEMORATING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. HOSEA L. WILLIAMS, AN OFFICER IN THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), WAS CHAIRMAN AT THE MEETING, AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT A MARCH WILL BE CONDUCTED, STARTING ON THURSDAY, APRIL THREE, SIXTYNINE, FROM SELMA, ALABAMA, TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. THE MARCH WILL BEGIN AT APPROXIMATELY TEN A.M., AND IT WILL BE LED BY DR. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SCLC, AND MRS. CORETTA SCOTT KING. THE MARCH WILL ALSO BE LED BY A MULE TRAIN. THE MARCHERS WILL PROCEED AS FAR AS THEY CAN OUTSIDE OF MONTGOMERY ON APRIL THREE, AND THEREAFTER

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TRUCKS WILL PICK UP THE MARCHERS AND MULES AND TRANSPORT THEM TO MONTGOMERY. THE MARCH WHICH WILL PROCEED OUT OF SELMA, ALABAMA, ON APRIL THREE WILL BE CONDUCTED BY NEGROES RECRUITED FROM THE SELMA AREA AND SURROUNDING TOWNS. THE DEMONSTRATION TO BE HELD AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, ON APRIL FOUR WILL BE STATEWIDE, AND HOSEA WILLIAMS STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AT LEAST TEN THOUSAND PERSONS PARTICIPATE. ON THURSDAY NIGHT, APRIL THREE, IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AT EIGHT P.M., THERE WILL BE A "SOUL AWAKENING", AND NATIONAL ENTERTAINERS WILL PUT ON A SHOW FOR THE DEMONSTRATORS.

AT THE MEETING, HOSEA WILLIAMS SAID THAT IN EVERY TOWN AND CITY THROUGHT THE STATE OF ALABAMA CONDLE LIGHT SOUL VIGILS WOULD BE HELD ON THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL THREE, AT WHICH TIME LOCAL MINISTERS WOULD ROUND OUT FINAL PLANS FOR THEIR CARAVANS TO JOURNEY TO MONTGOMERY ON THE FOLLOWING MORNING. ALL THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE INSTRUCTED TO BRING SACK LUNCHES TO MONTGOMERY, AND THEY WOULD EAT LUNCH BETWEEN ELEVEN A.M. AND TWELVE NOON ON FRIDAY. THE FRIDAY MARCH AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, WILL START FROM ST. JUDES CATHOLIC CHURCH AT TWELVE NOON AND ARRIVE AT THE CAPITIO AT TWO P.M. SERVICES AT THE CAPITIOL WILL BE HELD FROM TWO P.M. UNTIL FOUR P.M.

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— HOSEA WILLIAMS INSTRUCTED THOSE PRESENT AT THE MEETING THAT A TAG DAY WOULD BE CONDUCTED ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTYNINE, AND TAGS COMMEMORATING THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING WILL BE SOLD AS A FUND-RAISING METHOD FOR SCLC. ON MONDAY, APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYNINE, HOSEA WILLIAMS AND RALPH ABERNATHY WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT NINE-THIRTY A.M . AT THE A. G. GASTON MOTEL, FIFTH AVENUE NORTH, BIRMINGHAM. APRIL SEVEN WILL BE AD DAY OF CONFRONTATION AND UNREST IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM WHERE EVERYONE WILL DO "THEIR THING." b1

[redacted] MANY UNKNOWN WHITE STUDENTS AT THIS MEETING, AND THESE STUDENTS STATED THAT THEY REPRESENTED THE SOUTHERN STUDENTS ORGANIZING COMMITTED (SSOC) AND THE DEMOCRATIC STUDENTS ORGANIZATION (DSO) FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA. ONE OF THE STUDENTS ADVISED THE GROUP THAT ON MARCH TWENTYONE-TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYNINE, CONFERENCES WOULD BE HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN AN EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT RACIAL SOCIAL CHANGE IN ALBAMA. THIS PERSON STATED THAT SSOC AND DSO WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE PROTEST DEMONSTRATION COMMERMORATING THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. IN REGARD TO THE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, HE STATED THAT FRANK JOYCE, PEOPLE AGAINST

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RACISM; LYN WELLS, SSOC; MIKE KLONSKY, STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS); HARRY BOYTE, ACT; BILL SHAMBLIN, NATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION , AND HOSEA WILLIAMS, SCLC, WOULD SPEAK. b1

[redacted] DR. JOHN CASHIN OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA, WAS ELECTED GENERAL CHAIRMAN FOR THE DEMONSTRATIONS, AND REV. CALVIN WOODS WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN FOR THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM. MR. THOMAS WRENN WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA. IT WAS ALSO DECIDED AT THE MEETING THAT EASTER SUNDAY WOULD BE CONSIDERED A BLACK EASTER, AND THAT ALL NEGROES WOULD BE ENCOURAGED NOT TO BUY NEW CLOTHES, TO WEAR THEIR OLD CLOTHES AS LONG AS THEY WERE NEAT AND CLEAN.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BEING DISSEMINATED TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, AND U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

ADMINISTRATIVE: [redacted] b1

[redacted] THOMAS WRENN, MENTIONED ABOVE , IS LISTED ON THE AGITATORS INDEX, AND MOBILE WILL BE FURNISHED BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING WRENN IF WRENN INTENDS TO TRAVEL TO

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MONTGOMERY , ALABAMA AND PARTICIPATE IN THE DEMONSTRATION.

LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TODAY. BIRMINGHAM WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT.

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1 - Mr. D. Loach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

The Attorney General

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Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. D. J. Brennan
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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Previous information has been furnished to you concerning the communist influence in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization of the late Martin Luther King, Jr. I thought you would be interested in the following additional information furnished by sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Following the plea of guilty and subsequent sentencing of James Earl Ray, the accused assassin of King, King's widow released a statement concerning the case which received widespread publicity. This statement indicated that the death penalty would have been contrary to King's convictions; although King's family was relieved they did not have to relive the experience of his death through a trial; the guilty plea must not be allowed to close the case; and the State of Tennessee and the Federal Government must continue to press the investigation until all responsible for the crime have been apprehended. Only then can the conscience of the Nation rest. The statement concluded that Mrs. King looked beyond Ray to the racism that pervaded and still poisons the climate of America and should be brought to trial in order that her husband's death will serve a creative end.

This statement was prepared by Harry Wachtel with the counsel of Stanley David Levison.

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The above information is being furnished to the Honorable Henry A. Kissinger at the White House.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

NOTE:

Information was received in New York airtel and letterhead memorandum 3/11/69, captioned "Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, IS - C."

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.

[redacted] THAT DOCTOR RALPH ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, IS TO ARRIVE IN MIAMI AT FIVE FIFTYTWO P.M. THREE TWELVE SIXTYNINE, ON EASTERN AIR LINES FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE ONE FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA. HE IS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND A DINNER OF THE TIGER BAY CLUB AT THE DUPONT PLAZA HOTEL, MIAMI, TONIGHT. THE TIGER BAY CLUB IS A DADE COUNTY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MADE UP OF PROMINENT CITIZENS OF THE DADE COUNTY AREA.

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[redacted] ABERNATHY IS SCHEDULED TO CUT A TELEVISION TAPE AT MIAMI CHANNEL SEVEN, WCKT-TV AT TEN A.M., THREE THIRTEEN SIXTYNINE, AND APPEAR AT SOME TYPE OF FUND RAISING LUNCHEON AT THE DUPONT PLAZA HOTEL AT NOON ON THREE THIRTEEN.

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[redacted] ABERNATHY IS TO DEPART MIAMI AT UNSPECIFIED TIME ON AFTERNOON OF THREE THIRTEEN SIXTYNINE. b1

ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH M.I. GROUP, MIAMI PD, DADE COUNTY SO, SECRET SERVICE, AND USA, MIAMI, ADVISED OF ABERNATHY'S SCHEDULED APPEARANCE.

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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE
IN
RACIAL MATTERS
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On January 27, 1969, confidential source one advised that Stanley Levison discussed with Joseph Lowery, Chairman, Board of Directors, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), a new SCLC mail appeal to be distributed in the near future. Levison told Lowery this mail appeal should contain a statement regarding the emergence of Anti-Semitism particularly in the New York area. Lowery expressed agreement with Levison and said he would bring their discussion to the attention of Ralph D. Abernathy, President, SCLC. [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-42300) (P*)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for Atlanta 2 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Enclosed LHM contains information re speech made by RALPH D. ABERNATHY at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., on 3/5/69.

Confidential source mentioned in LHM is [redacted] who is an established source of WFO and whose identity is concealed per his request. The information from [redacted] was obtained by SA [redacted]

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Enclosed LHM is classified "CONFIDENTIAL" as it contains information furnished by a confidential source whose identity must be protected.

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Enclosed LHM has been disseminated locally by WFO to interested military intelligence agencies and the U. S. Secret Service.

WFO contemplates no additional investigation in this matter at this time and enclosed LHM is furnished for the information of the Bureau and Atlanta.

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Washington, D. C. 20535

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On March 4, 1969, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlanta, Georgia, was scheduled to appear on the Georgetown University Campus, Washington, D. C., on March 5, 1969. The appearance was to be in connection with a symposium to be held on the Georgetown University Campus during which the Kerner Commission report was to be discussed.

The March 6, 1969, edition of "The Evening Star," a daily Washington, D. C. newspaper, reported as follows:

"The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy said yesterday that he is going to bring the Poor People's Campaign back to Washington for a dramatic confrontation with the government.

"In an interview before his speech at a symposium at Georgetown University on the Kerner Commission report of a year ago, Abernathy said he could not say what form the demonstrations would take but that the poor would come to Washington to place their demands before Congress.

"Last spring Abernathy and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference he heads brought thousands of representatives of the poor to the District to camp beside the Reflecting Pool and to march and demonstrate."

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On March 7, 1969, the above confidential source advised that Abernathy had appeared at the Georgetown University Campus on March 5, 1969, as scheduled. His speech was made in Gaston Hall and was presented before between 800 and 1,000 individuals. According to the source Gaston Hall will accommodate 800 and the overflow were placed in the Hall of Nations building and Abernathy's speech was carried to them through the use of a loudspeaker system between the two buildings.

The above source indicated the symposium was opened to the public and those in attendance did not represent all students as there were several interested individuals from the community in attendance.

Abernathy arrived on the campus at approximately 1:00 p.m. and ended his speech at approximately 2:25 p.m. after which he went to the campus radio station for an interview. He left the campus at approximately 4:20 p.m. and was overheard to say he planned to leave Washington, D. C. on March 5, 1969, by air.

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SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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Re Atlanta airtel and LHM, 3/7/69, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight copies, for New York three copies, and for each other recipient two copies, of LHM.

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Necessary local dissemination of SCLC's contemplated activity in Atlanta, 4/6/69, will be handled separately from this communication.

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RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL

On February 26, 1953, a confidential source advised RANDOLPH BLACKWELL had been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

A confidential source advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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JACK O'[illegible]

The Summer, 1968, issue of "[illegible]" lists J.H. O'[illegible] (Jack O'[illegible]) as its Associate [illegible] Editor.

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

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The second Quarter, 1968, issue of "Freedomways", self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE	Associate Editor
ESTHER JACKSON	Managing Editor
J. H. O'DELL	Associate Managing Editor
JOHN L. DEVINE	Art Editor

"The Worker" an East Coast Communist newspaper, June 25, 1967, Page 10, contained an article on a memorial to MIKE GOLD held at Town Hall, New York City, the previous Friday night. It said that one of the speakers was JOHN HENRIK CLARKE of "Freedomways".

"The Worker", May 21, 1967, Page 3, contained an article on the death of MIKE GOLD on May 15, 1967, in San Francisco, California. It described him as having been an author and columnist for "The Worker" for 32 years. It noted that he joined the CP "shortly after it was founded and to which he adhered till the day he died".

A third source advised on February 16, 1968, that a committee from the 5th Assembly District Club, Kings County CP, visited HUNEY LEVINE, a member of that club, on February 14, 1968, to determine why she had not attended club meetings [redacted]

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more than one year. JUDY DEVINE said she had talked with JAMES JACKSON about the possibility of organizing a new club in their area with members of their intellectual and cultural level and that he was in favor of it. She said she believed her husband, JOHN DEVINE, and ESTHER JACKSON would join a club.

A fourth source advised on April 26, 1968, that JAMES JACKSON, husband of ESTHER JACKSON, is the Chairman of the International Affairs Department, CP, USA.

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(Bufile 157-9364)
(CGfile 157-2552)

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(Bufile 100-438794)
(CGfile 105-16238)

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The sources utilized in the enclosed LHM are as follows:

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The interview of ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE on 9/19/68 was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] and the results were reported previously in Chicago airtel and LHM dated 10/1/68, captioned "ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE, also known as Barracuda".

In view of the instability and apparent unreliability of ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE, Chicago is conducting no further investigation concerning the contents of RICE's letter.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Contact sources for any information tending to prove allegations by RICE.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Chicago, Illinois
March 4, 1969

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

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WSO is a local civil rights organization active on Chicago's west side in organizing welfare unions and assisting welfare recipients who live in that area.

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ENCLOSURE

RE: ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

On September 19, 1968, Abraham Lincoln Rice appeared at the Chicago Office of the FBI and was interviewed by representatives of the FBI. At that time Rice alleged that seven attempts to assassinate him had occurred during the past month. Rice was unable to furnish the identities or details of the alleged attempts to assassinate him and he continually referred to his alleged assassins as "they". He expressed the opinion that among those wanting to kill him were Reverend James Orange of the SCLC, Reverend Jesse Jackson of the SCLC, William Barden and Bobby Joe Mason, both members of WSO. During the course of this interview, it was obvious that Rice was very disturbed emotionally. At one point he began to weep and required a period of time to regain control of himself.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

COMMUNICATION SECTION
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TO DIRECTOR AND WFO

FROM ATLANTA

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING APRIL FOUR NEXT COMMEMORATING THE DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM

RE WFO RADIOGRAM MARCH FOURTEEN, SIXTYNINE.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ATLANTA MARCH FOURTEEN SIXTYNINE REFLECTS ANDREW J. YOUNG CONTINUES TO SERVE AS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, SCLC. TENURE OF ALL SCLC ACTIVITY RELATED TO PERIOD OF APRIL FOUR, SIXTYNINE, IS NON VIOLENCE IN KEEPING WITH PHILOSOPHY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SOURCES AS OF MARCH FOURTEEN, SIXTYNINE, NOT AWARE OF DR. BENJAMIN MAYS APRIL FOUR, SIXTYNINE PLANS.

PERTINENT DETAILS RELATED TO CAPTIONED MATTER SUBMITTED VIA AIRTEL AND LHM TO BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES MARCH FOURTEEN, SIXTYNINE.

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Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, Boston (100-35629)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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[redacted] advised this date that Mrs. CORETTA KING due to arrive in Boston via air on evening of March 12, 1969. She will stay at Somerset Hotel, Boston and speak at Boston University, March 13, 1969. Itinerary will be followed through [redacted]

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1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop
March 14, 1969

BY LIAISON

1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. D. J. Brennan
1 - Mr. Glass

Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Kissinger:

Previous information has been furnished to you concerning the communist influence in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization of the late Martin Luther King, Jr. I thought you would be interested in the following additional information furnished by sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Following the plea of guilty and subsequent sentencing of James Earl Ray, the accused assassin of King, King's widow released a statement concerning the case which received widespread publicity. This statement indicated that the death penalty would have been contrary to King's convictions; although King's family was relieved they did not have to relive the experience of his death through a trial, the guilty plea must not be allowed to close the case; and the State of Tennessee and the Federal Government must continue to press the investigation until all responsible for the crime have been apprehended. Only then can the conscience of the Nation rest. The statement

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concluded that Mrs. King looked beyond Ray to the racism that pervaded and still poisons the climate of America and should be brought to trial in order that her husband's death will serve a creative end.

This statement was prepared by Harry Wachtel with the counsel of Stanley David Levison.

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The above information is being furnished to the Attorney General and interested Government agencies.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE: Information was received in New York airtel and letterhead memorandum 3/11/69, captioned "Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, IS - C."

Classified "Secret" since it contains information from sensitive sources and the unauthorized disclosure of this information could jeopardize these sources and be prejudicial to the national defense interests.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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Re Atlanta airtel and LHM, 12/9/68, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight copies of an LHM and for San Francisco, one copy of LHM.

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(1 - 157-257) (R. ABERNATHY)
(1 - 157-621) (ANDREW YOUNG)

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535
February 27, 1969

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Communist Infiltration of Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Internal Security - C

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service, Birmingham

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Atlanta, Georgia

March 17, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)
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SUBJECT: COMINFIL SCLC
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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] on 3/9/69. On this date HARRY WACHTEL and STANLEY LEVISON decided on a statement for CORETTA KING expressing her opposition to any death sentence for JAMES EARL RAY, alleged assassin of her husband if he should plead guilty.

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1- New York (43)

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New York, New York 9.26 80
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On March 9, 1969, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Harry Wachtel and Stanley Levison discussed a statement which Wachtel was preparing for Coretta King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., expressing her opposition to a death penalty for James Earl Ray, alleged assassin of her husband, if he should plead guilty.

According to the source, they agreed upon the following statement:

"The death penalty for the man who pleaded guilty to the crime would be contrary to the deeply held moral and religious convictions of my husband which his entire family shares. Retribution and vengence have no place in our beliefs.

"The execution of Mr. Ray who has not yet told the whole story, would not serve the ends of justice.

"To the family of Martin Luther King there is a sense of emotional relief, for the moment. We have been spared the trial which would compel us to re-live the fearfully tragic events of his death. But we realize this is but a respite. This plea of guilty must not be allowed to close the case, to end the search for the many fingers which

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helped pull the trigger. We shall press the State of Tennessee and the Federal Government to continue until all who are responsible for this crime have been apprehended. Not until then can the conscience of the nation rest. My husband believed that we separate the man from the dead. In that spirit I look beyond James Earl Ray to the racism that pervaded and still poisons the climate of America. It is the real killer. It incited violence against a man who was the very essence of non-violnece. It fostered hatred against one whose love for all mankind was unconditional. If America would dedicate itself to bring racism to trial and sentence it to oblivion then my husband's death would have served the creative end to which he devoted his entire life."

Stanley Levison

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Harry Wachtel

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire, these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)".

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/12/68

Attached indicates that statement issued to press by Mrs. Coretta King concerning the sentencing of James Earl Ray was prepared by her Communist advisers Stanley Levison and Harry Wachtel.

Dissemination of this being made to White House and Attorney General, as well as other interested Government agencies.

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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-New)

SUBJECT: APRIL ACTION PROJECT
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 17 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the April Action Project. Copies of the letterhead memorandum are also being designated for the various indicated offices.

Copies of the letterhead memorandum are being disseminated locally to MI, OSI, NISO, Secret Service, and USA, EDPa.

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1 - 100-48233 (ROBERT EATON)

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[redacted] Philadelphia Police Department, is aware of the various activities being considered by the April Action Project in the Philadelphia area.

The following sources were utilized in the letterhead memorandum:

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The letterhead memorandum is being classified confidential since data furnished by the above informants, if disclosed, could reasonably result in the identification of these confidential informants of continuing value and compromise their future effectiveness.

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APRIL ACTION: FOUR DAYS OF RESISTANCE AND RENEWAL. AQAG is cooperating with National Action Group in the sponsorship of Four Days of Resistance and Renewal in early April. BOB EATON, AQAG staff member, will be working full time coordinating the national effort to stimulate non-violent action in cities across the country. The emphasis will be on cities such as Portland, New Haven, and Minneapolis-St. Paul. These are major population centers in America that are generally passed over in favor of New York, San Francisco, and Chicago for national actions. One of the themes of the Action will be "at the grassroots, resistance and renewal." National Action Group hopes that vigorous non-violent actions will be planned in many cities for April 3-6. The staff will help several key cities to plan actions that will hopefully set the tone for the entire series of days. Additional information could be obtained by writing to April Action Project, 153 North 16th Street, Philadelphia, or phoning (215) LO 3-4431.

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Telephone number LO 3-4431 is listed to April Action, 153 North 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The phone was installed on February 26, 1969, and ROBERT EATON made application for the telephone.

ROBERT EATON was a member of the ketch "Phoenix," sponsored by A Quaker Action Group, which delivered medical supplies to North Vietnam in 1968.

On March 10, 1969, PH T-1 advised: as of the latter part of February 1969 April Action, 153 North 16th Street, Philadelphia, was planning four days in April to make a real impact and shake the country out of its mood of apathy. Funds were being solicited to make this activity successful.

April Action suggested that two things be done: (1) Organize April Action in various communities, (2) Let Passover - Easter be a time of resistance and renewal, turn from war and violence to life and community.

DAGMAR WILSON of the Women Strike for Peace, and STEWART MEACHAM, American Friends Service Committee, authored the above material and closed their remarks with "Yours for peace in Vietnam and for freedom among men everywhere."

Representatives from American Friends Service Committee, Clergy and Laymen Concerned, SANE, Womens International League for Peace and Freedom, Women Strike for Peace, and A Quaker Action Group, Have been meeting and planning action for the April Days.

The following action was under consideration for Philadelphia:

APRIL ACTION PROJECT

Thursday, April 3rd, Talk-ins at local boards to involve local people.

Good Friday, April 4th, death watch inside induction center for 24 hours over the system that is still sending our boys to Vietnam, possibility of civil disobedience. Local groups forming to plan strategy.

Saturday, April 5th, street corner speaking downtown area, also walking teach-ins in Philadelphia at institutions such as welfare offices, defense contractors, finance companies, and police stations in ghetto areas.

Easter Sunday, April 6th, Sunrise service outside Philadelphia Navy Yard on the first anniversary of the reconditioning of the first battleship (USS New Jersey).

Nationally, the National Action Group expects to cooperate in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference programs and GI-Civilian Coalition marches throughout the country during the period April 3-6. In regards to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference programs it was noted that the anniversary of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING occurs on April 4th. During this period in April efforts will be made to recruit welfare, consumer and related groups to participate in the activities. BOB EATON, SARI KNOTT, and BRAD LYTTLE, New England Committee for Non-Violent Action, are involved with the National Action Group.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-438794) AND BOSTON (100-35529)

FROM ATLANTA

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AS OF THIS DATE, INFORMANTION AVAILABLE TO ATLANTA INDICATES THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) ACTIVITY, APRIL FOUR AND FIVE, SIXTY-NINE, WILL BE FOCUSED PRIMARILY IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND ON APRIL SIX SIXTY-NINE IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WITH EMPHASIS ON PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS. DURING THIS PERIOD, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT SCLC WILL BE ENGAGED IN THE FORMULATION OF ANY FUTURE POLICIES.

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FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-35629)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 9-26-80 BY SP4 JRMIL

Re Boston airtel dated 3/11/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies and for Atlanta two copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above. This concerns the visit to Boston on 3/12-13/69 of Mrs. CORETTA KING.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Boston, Massachusetts

March 18, 1969

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On March 13, 1969, [redacted] advised that Mrs. Coretta King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., is scheduled to arrive at Logan International Airport, East Boston, Massachusetts, at 8:40 PM on March 12, 1969, aboard Eastern Airlines Flight 128. She will be accompanied by her two children and her secretary. Mrs. King will be met by two cars and driven to the Somerset Hotel, 400 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, where the party will stay overnight.

On March 13, 1969, Mrs. King was scheduled to leave the Somerset Hotel at 9:15 AM and to be driven to the Commonwealth Armory, Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, adjacent to Boston University, where she was to speak at 10:00 AM. The exercises at the Armory were in commemoration of her husband.

About 11:30 AM, Mrs. King was to leave the Armory and be driven to the rear of the Mugar Building, Boston University, where she was to proceed to the fifth floor and unveil a bust of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The ceremonies accompanying the unveiling were scheduled to conclude about 12:30 PM, at which time Mrs. King would be guest at a dinner in Sargent Gymnasium, Boston University. Mrs. King was to leave the dinner in time to board Northeast Airlines Flight 55 leaving Logan International Airport, East Boston, at 4:45 PM on March 13, 1969.

On March 13, 1969, [redacted] advised that Mrs. King had arrived in Boston on [redacted] March 12, 1969, and had followed the schedule set out above and left Boston without incident.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The March 13, 1969 edition of "The Boston Globe," a daily newspaper published at Boston, Massachusetts, described the purpose of Mrs. King's presence in Boston as to accept a posthumous award to her husband for distinguished service and to receive herself an honorary doctorate in humane letters. The article also made known that she would unveil a bas-relief of Dr. King in Mugar Memorial Library, where Dr. King's papers are on display. The article noted that Dr. King was a graduate student at Boston University, receiving a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Boston University in 1955. Mrs. King met her husband during that period. She was studying at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Massachusetts.

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

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(1 - 157-621) (A. YOUNG)
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RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL

On February 26, 1953, a confidential source advised RANDOLPH BLACKWELL had been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

A confidential source advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Atlanta, Georgia

In Reply, Please Refer to, File No.

March 17, 1969

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta dated and captioned as above.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718)

SUBJECT: SCLC
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Additional pertinent information will be promptly disseminated to interested local agencies when developed.

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The above information has been furnished Lieutenant [redacted] Atlanta Police Department [redacted]

A copy of this communication is being furnished 111th Military Intelligence Group, Fort McPherson, Georgia, Naval Investigative Service, Charleston, South Carolina, United States Secret Service, Atlanta, Georgia, and United States Attorney, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia.

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115) (P)

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Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau, 3/10/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

Enclosed for the Atlanta and Mobile Divisions are two copies of letterhead memorandum.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been disseminated locally to military intelligence agencies, U. S. Secret Service, and U. S. Attorney's Office, Birmingham.

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Birmingham, Alabama
March 10, 1969

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RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

A confidential source of this Bureau, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on March 8, 1969, a meeting was held at St. Judes auditorium, Montgomery, Alabama, to devise a program for a positive protest commemorating the first anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Hosea L. Williams, an officer in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was Chairman at the meeting, and it was decided that a march will be conducted, starting on Thursday, April 3, 1969, from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama. The march will begin at approximately 10:00 a.m., and it will be led by Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, President, SCLC, and Mrs. Coretta Scott King. The march will also be led by a mule train. The marchers will proceed as far as they can outside of Montgomery on April 3, and thereafter trucks will pick up the marchers and mules and transport them to Montgomery. The march which will proceed out of Selma, Alabama, on April 3 will be conducted by Negroes recruited from the Selma area and surrounding towns. The demonstration to be held at Montgomery, Alabama, on April 4, 1969, will be statewide, and Hosea Williams stated he would like to have at least 10,000 persons present. On Thursday night, April 3, in Montgomery, Alabama, at 8:00 p.m. there will be a "Soul Awakening," and national entertainers will put on a show for the demonstrators.

At the meeting, Hosea Williams said that in every town and city throughout the State of Alabama, Candle Light Soul Vigils would be held on Thursday evening,

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April 3, at which time local ministers would round out final plans for their caravans to journey to Montgomery on the following morning. All the demonstrators were instructed to bring sack lunches to Montgomery and they would eat lunch between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Friday. The Friday march at Montgomery, Alabama, will start from St. Judes Catholic Church at 12:00 noon and arrive at the Capitol at 2:00 p.m. Services at the Capitol will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Hosea Williams instructed those present at the meeting that a Tag Day would be conducted on April 5, 1969, and tags commemorating the death of Martin Luther King will be sold as a fund-raising method for SCLC. On Monday, April 7, 1969, Hosea Williams and Ralph Abernathy will hold a press conference at 9:30 a.m. at the A. G. Gaston Motel, Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham. April 7 will be a day of confrontation and unrest in the City of Birmingham where everyone will do "their thing."

The confidential source advised that he observed many unknown white students at this meeting, and these students stated that they represented the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) and the Democratic Student Organization (DSO) from the University of Alabama. (Characterizations of the SSOC and DSO are set out in the Appendix of this memorandum.) One of the students advised the group that on March 21-23, 1969, conferences would be held at the University of Alabama in an effort to bring about racial social change in Alabama. This person stated that SSOC and DSO would participate in the protest demonstration commemorating the death of Martin Luther King. In regard to the conferences to be held at the University of Alabama, he stated that Frank Joyce, People Against Racism; Lyn Wells, SSOC; Mike Klonsky, Students for a Democratic Society (SDS - a characterization of SDS is set out in the Appendix of this memorandum); Harry Boyte, ACT; Bill Shamblin, National Students Association; and Hosea Williams, SCLC, would speak.

RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The confidential source advised that Dr. John Cashin of Madison County, Alabama, was elected General Chairman for the demonstrations and Rev. Calvin Woods was elected Chairman for the City of Birmingham. Mr. Thomas Wrenn was elected Area Chairman for Jefferson County, Alabama. It was also decided at the meeting that Easter Sunday would be considered a Black Easter, and that all Negroes would be encouraged not to buy any new clothes, to wear their old clothes as long as they were neat and clean.

APPENDIX

SOUTHERN STUDENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

On November 1, 1966, a first source advised that the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) was formed on the weekend of April 3-5, 1964, to stimulate activity of Southern student groups in areas of civil rights, peace, academic freedom, civil liberties, capital punishment, and unemployment. Originally, it was to be a white counterpart of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). It has agreed to work with similar interested groups such as SNCC and Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., (SCEF). SSOC is a fraternal affiliate of the SDS.

Beginning in the Fall of 1966, SSOC became a membership organization and embarked on a campaign to form local chapters on various college campuses throughout the South. SSOC publishes, October through May each year, a publication, "New South Student," which according to the above source has increasingly espoused and defended the pro-Communist and anti-United States position on domestic and foreign policy.

On July 2, 1968, a second source advised that SSOC continues to be headquartered at 1703 Portland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, and continues to defend and espouse the pro-Communist and anti-United States position with particular emphasis on attacking United States policy in Vietnam and emphasis on attacking the Selective Service System. Source two noted that SSOC Chairman Thomas N. Gardner in the Summer of 1967 traveled to Prague, Czechoslovakia, where he met with representatives of the National Liberation Front (NLF) and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV), and that SSOC staff members Bruce Smith and Alan Levin traveled to Cuba in the Summer of 1967 and February, 1968, respectively.

By letter dated April 26, 1968, on SSOC letterhead mailed to the general SSOC membership over the

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signature of Mike Welch, Executive Secretary of SSOC, it was announced that as a step toward close relations with the Students for a Democratic Society and better communications with the movement nationally, SSOC and SDS have worked out an exchange of the "New South Student" and the "New Left Notes," and that SDS and SSOC were exchanging contact lists of their respective memberships for this exchange.

The May, 1968, issue of "New South Student" indicates that the SSOC mailing address is P. O. Box 6403, Nashville, Tennessee, 37212, telephone number 615-291-3537, and the masthead describes the organization as "An association of young concerned Southerners dedicated to social change," as taken from the preamble of the SSOC constitution.

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DEMOCRATIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION (DSO)
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA,
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

Birmingham Confidential Source T-1 advised that the Democratic Student Organization (DSO) was formally chartered as a University of Alabama organization in April of 1968. Source advised, however, that the DSO was originated sometime in February, 1968, but did not receive its charter until April. Source also advised that its President was listed as Downs Michael Van De Veer, then enrolled in the University of Alabama School of Law. Source also advised that the purpose of the DSO is "to stimulate meaningful dialogue between faculty and students, to support progressive candidates for state and local offices, and to engage in partisan politics."

Birmingham Confidential Source T-2 advised that the DSO provided the moving force behind a number of "peace vigils" held at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, during the spring semester of 1968. Source advised that these "vigils" were a form of silent protest in the United States involvement in Vietnam; these "vigils" lasted approximately 15 minutes and were held on the following dates:

March 15, 1968

March 22, 1969

April 26, 1968

May 3, 1968

May 10, 1968

Source advised that during the summer session at the University of Alabama, the DSO was not active in any type of campus protest or activity.

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Birmingham Confidential Source T-3 advised that in June of 1968 Downs Michael Van De Veer was observed distributing various types of literature in the Student Union Building at the University of Alabama. Source advised that a majority of this literature was published by the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) of Nashville, Tennessee. Source advised that Van De Veer would not return to the University of Alabama during the fall term of 1968 and that Jack Drake would assume leadership of the DSO. Source also advised that Ed Still would probably be active in the DSO.

On September 19, 1968, Birmingham Confidential Source T-2 advised that Ed Still was instrumental in staging a "sit down" demonstration in protest of Presidential Candidacy of former Alabama Governor George C. Wallace. Source advised that this demonstration was held at 12:00 Noon on the steps at the Union Building, University of Alabama, on September 19, 1968. Source advised that Still called his group the "We Can't Stand Wallace Committee." Source further stated that Paul Clayton Scribner, Jr., a self-proclaimed leader of a local Students for Democratic Society (SDS) chapter, along with George M. Stambaugh, a self-proclaimed member of SSOC, joined this demonstration.

On October 11, 1968, Birmingham Confidential Source T-4 advised that Paul Clayton Scribner, Jr., had requested permission from President Frank A. Rose of the University of Alabama for the DSO to invite the following individuals to speak at the University of Alabama:

Herbert Aptheker

Leroy Eldridge Cleaver

Thomas Emmett Hayden

Jerry Clyde Rubin

Mark Rudd.

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Source advised that he understands Aptheker is associated with the Community Party, United States; that Cleaver is President or a member of the Black Panther Party in the State of California; that Hayden and Rudd are National Officers of the Students for a Democratic Society; and that Rubin is the President of the Youth International Party, otherwise known as the "Yippies." Source further stated that during this contact with Dr. Rose, Scribner identified himself as a member of DSO. Source also advised that George M. Stambaugh was recently elected President of DSO.

An article appearing in the "Birmingham News" of October 13, 1968, a newspaper of general circulation in Birmingham, Alabama, reflects that in a letter to Jack Drake, Speaker Chairman of the DSO, Dr. Frank A. Rose, President, University of Alabama, denied permission for the above-mentioned speakers to come to the University of Alabama.

An article appearing in the October 14, 1968, edition of the "Tuscaloosa News," a newspaper of general circulation in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, reflects that due to the refusal of Dr. Frank A. Rose to permit the above mentioned controversial speakers to visit the University of Alabama, the DSO will file suit in Federal District Court in an attempt to force the University of Alabama to allow these speakers to visit the campus. This article went on to state that the plans were announced for this suit by Jack Drake, Speaker Chairman of DSO, and Stephen M. Raphael, Faculty Adviser for the DSO.

Birmingham Confidential Source T-3 advised on October 19, 1968, that a memorial demonstration was held in the early morning hours of October 19, 1968, at the University of Alabama. Source advised that the moving force behind this demonstration was the DSO and was a memorial for Bud G. Silvia, who had committed suicide on October 18, 1968. Source advised that Silvia was associated

with the DSO and operated the Haight Hut, a "hippie" type novelty shop. Source advised that Silvis was arrested October 4, 1968, by local authorities in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and was charged with possession of LSD. A local Grand Jury indictment was returned against Silvis on October 18, 1968.

On October 21, 1968, Birmingham Confidential Source T-1 advised that at a meeting of the DSO held on the evening of October 20, 1968, George M. Stambaugh and Paul C. Scribner, Jr., resigned from the DSO and that Jack Van De Veer, brother of Downs Michael Van De Veer, was elected President of the organization. Source advised that Jack Van De Veer is currently a student at the University of Alabama; however, Downs Michael Van De Veer did not return to the University of Alabama for the fall semester of 1968.

On October 21, 1968, Birmingham Confidential Source T-2 advised that a DSO demonstration was held at the University of Alabama at approximately 12:00 Noon on October 21, 1968. Source advised that approximately 50 demonstrators gathered at the steps of the Union Building at the University of Alabama and then marched to the Canterbury Episcopal Chapel located on 5th Avenue in Tuscaloosa, which location is off the University of Alabama campus. Source advised that after arriving at the Chapel speeches were given by Jack Drake, Speaker Chairman of DSO, and James Ellis Bains, an individual associated with peace groups in Birmingham, Alabama. Source advised that the United States involvement in Vietnam was only mentioned briefly by Bains and that the speech by Drake touched on the recent drug arrests at the Haight Hut in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

On the same date, Birmingham Confidential Source T-3 furnished information similar to that furnished above by Birmingham Confidential Source T-2. This source also advised that after the speeches outside of the Chapel, the demonstrators went inside the Chapel to hold workshops. The subject matters of these workshops were as follows:

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1. Community Organization

2. Draft Counseling

3. A general workshop

Source advised that Bains conducted most of the discussions in these workshops, explaining the draft counseling services available in Birmingham, Alabama, and his plans to set up draft counseling service in Tuscaloosa. Source advised that the other discussions during these workshops centered around the freedom of speech controversy at the University of Alabama, which is concerned mainly with the attendance at the University of controversial-type speakers. Source also advised that being sold at this meeting were numerous pieces of literature which seemed to be distributed by the SSOC. Source also advised that after the conclusion of the meetings at the Canterbury Chapel, James Ellis Bains and Benjamin Phillips, a reporter for the "Southern Courier," Montgomery, Alabama, were arrested by the Tuscaloosa Police Department and charged with disorderly conduct.

On October 30, 1968, Birmingham Confidential Source T-4 advised that the DSO sponsored a demonstration on the steps of the Union Building, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, at 12:00 Noon on this date. Source advised that approximately 100 demonstrators sat on the steps of the Union Building from approximately 12:00 Noon until approximately 12:25. Source advised that the purpose of the demonstration was to "protest alleged police harassment" of students at the University of Alabama. Source advised that Thomas Thompson, the new President of DSO, was the leader of this demonstration and that Leigh Sanderson was an active participant in the above demonstration.

An article appearing in the "Tuscaloosa News," a newspaper of general circulation in Tuscaloosa, Alabama,

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on November 5, 1968, reflects that the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) filed a suit in Federal District Court, Birmingham, Alabama, against the University of Alabama. This article states that the suit stems from the University's veto of a speaker slate proposed by the DSO. The article went on to state that the suit was filed on behalf of Jack Drake and Thomas Thompson, President of DSO.

On November 6, 1968, Birmingham Confidential Source T-1 advised that a "peace vigil" was held at the University of Alabama on the evening of November 5, 1968. Source advised that this demonstration was sponsored by the DSO and was in protest of the war in Vietnam, the draft system, alleged police harassment of University of Alabama students, and the present United States electoral system. Source advised that approximately 65 demonstrators participated in this vigil and that there were no incidents or arrests.

As can be seen from the information set forth above, the present leadership of the DSO is in the hands of its President, Thomas Thompson. Past Presidents of this organization have included Jack Van De Veer, George M. Stambaugh, Jack Drake and Downs Michael Van De Veer. Other individuals determined to be active in DSO are Leigh Sanderson, Paul C. Scribner, Jr., Ed Still and Ralph Knowles, who is associated with the ACLU at the University of Alabama. Faculty involvement in the DSO as shown above has determined to be only Stephen M. Raphael, a law professor at the University of Alabama, who is the DSO faculty adviser.

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of April 18, 1967, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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